

# NEWSLETTER

Current Attendance:  
97.4%

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## Y6 writing receives praise from leading author

Some Y6 authors had their writing published on Pobble after they designed their own spy gadgets. Leading author Anthony Horowitz took the time to view their writing and commented on one piece of writing in particular. Well done to Kodi Friend whose work was noticed. We are very proud that our writing at Barnes Farm is being celebrated inside and outside the school.



## Y4 persuade regional director at Aldi!

Y4 pupils had a visit from Mr Stanley, a regional director at Aldi, to try out their persuasive pitches for their chocolate products. They got some very encouraging feedback and asked great questions. Thank you to the staff for organising this.

## 'British Values' shared in assembly

Mr McIntosh led the children in an assembly to explore the themes and values around St Georges Day as part of our work on promoting British values at school.

### Star of the Week Hall of Fame



6MS Charlotte Game  
6C Isabella Turner-Robinson  
6S Rhianna Bigwood  
5M Jack Melton  
5V Ayden Hodnett  
5C Nicholas Allen  
4P Oliver Dixon  
4S William Brown  
4CK Martha o'Donnell  
3S Sonny Nicholas  
3HM Teddy Howard  
3B George Reeve  
Mid-day Varshnie Sriharan

### Key Dates

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> May** School Clubs begin  
**Mon 1st May** Bank Holiday Monday  
**Thurs 4th May** School open but different arrangements due to polling station site  
**Week beginning 8th May** Key Stage 2 (Year 6) SATs week – no clubs this week  
**Fri 26th May** Non-Pupil day 5  
**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> June** Polling Day – Details to be communicated soon  
**Fri 23rd June** Sports Day  
**Thurs 6th July** Display Evening  
**Fri 14th July** Summer Fete 3:30pm onwards  
**Fri 21st July** End of term  
**Tues 5th September** 1st day of new academic year

## Clubs

You should have all received a letter by email regarding our club provision. In order to be ever more efficient, we are requesting parents to email replies for club preferences to [contact@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:contact@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk) This enables us to sort replies quicker and fairer in the order that they are received. Clubs begin on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April but will not run in our SATs week of 8<sup>th</sup> May.

## Polling Day - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June

As you cannot fail to have noticed, the Prime Minister has called a snap general election on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. We have again been requested to be used as a polling station. Both schools will write to you shortly with our joint response to this request

## 'Live' Literacy Lessons - 9:00-10:15

We are looking forward to welcoming Y4 parents who have applied to attend our open literacy lessons tomorrow. This opportunity is part of our single plan at raising achievement in writing. There are still spaces at the Y3 and Y5 mornings (Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April respectively). Please apply through the Office to attend.

## Y5 and Y6 Residential FAQ Meetings

A Year 5 Mersea Visit FAQ meeting for parents is to be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April in the Barn at 3:30pm. A Year 6 FAQ meeting will be 1 week later on 3<sup>rd</sup> May at the same time. Pupils are welcome to attend with their parents and any notes will be published on the website for those who cannot attend.

## Parking

Further requests from residents have been received to politely ask parents who travel to and from school by car to drive and park safely in the roads surrounding the school and not to obstruct driveways and dipped kerbs. Mr McTaggart and Mrs Welch have arranged a meeting with the local council to discuss ways of improving the situation for all those affected.

## Letter from our Governing Body

Please find a letter attached to this communication from our Chair of Governors, Mr Steve Andrews.

## Site improvements

Over Easter, we were able to install our new pond in the Garden area. It has a lockable lid so that it is safe while not being used.

Our climbing wall was finally taken down and replaced by a landscaped amphitheatre area. It needs time for the grass to grow but we now have plenty more seating for the children to use. We are hoping for some plays to take shape too that we can watch at lunchtime!

6 new picnic benches are being ordered too so that we can provide the children with a better 'packed lunch' experience outside. This has all been funded by

donations made by parents over the past year - so thank you for your continued support!

Mr McTaggart - Headteacher

